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For ENHANCED METHOD OF KILLING WEEDS WITH GLYPHOSATE HERBICIDE

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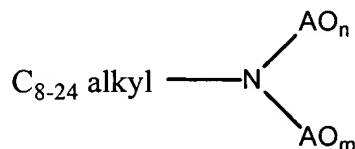
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

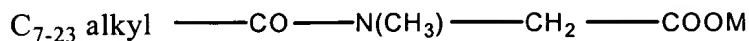
This letter is in response to the Office action dated September 14, 2001 in which an election of species for prosecution on the merits was requested.

Applicants, with traverse, elect as the first surfactant compound alkoxylated alkylamines having the following formula:



wherein AO is alkylene oxide, such as ethylene oxide, and the sum of m and n totals 2 to about 100. Such a surfactant corresponds to the surfactant referenced on page 6, lines 8-15 of the specification wherein R¹ is a C₈₋₂₄ hydrocarbyl, and R² and R³ are polyoxyalkylene chains having in total 2 to about 100 C₂₋₄ alkylene oxide units.


Applicants, with traverse, elect as the second surfactant a sarcosine or sarcosinate compound having the following formula:



wherein M is hydrogen or a cationic counterion. This corresponds to the surfactant defined on page 8, lines 28-32, of the specification wherein R is C_{7-23} alkyl and M is hydrogen or a cationic counterion.

Claims 1, 3-15 and 17-32 read on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,



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